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SUBJECT: FOURTEENTH AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE, OATUU
AND LIBYA

REF: FREETOWN 0957

1. WELL-PLACED OFFICIAL OF REGIONAL ILO OFFICE TOLD EMBOFF
THAT HE PREPARED BRIEF FOR ILO REGIONAL DIRECTOR ADOSSAMA
LISTING LIBYAN ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE OATUU AND AFRICAN LABOR
MINISTERS CONFERENCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, ADOSSAMA REPORTEDLY GIVE
COPY OF THIS BRIEF TO ETHIOPIAN, KENYAN, UGANDAN AND OTHER LABOR
MINISTERS WHO SAID TO HAVE RALLIED BLACK AFRICANS TO BLOCK
ALGERIAN-STYLE MANIPULATION BY LIBYAN DELEGATION AT FREETOWN.

2. BRIEF STATES THAT OATUU SO SHORT OF FUNDS, DUE TO MEMBER
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STATES' FAILURE TO PAY DUES, THAT IT IS NEARLY UNABLE TO

MEET STAFF PAYROLL. TO MAKE UP SHORTFALL, COLONEL KHADAFI AGREED TO SUPPLY NECESSARY FUNDS THROUGH LIBYAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. REPORTEDLY THIS IS CALCULATED TO GIVE LIBYA GREATER SAY IN OATUU MATTERS. BRIEF ALSO ASSERTED THAT LIBYA INTENDED TO PUSH HARD FOR AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE CHAIRMANSHIP AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF OATUU. LIBYANS SETTLED FOR FIRST VP AT FREETWON CONFERENCE BUT NEARLY WON CHAIRMANSHIP, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE. LIBYANS REPORTEDLY SUBMITTED DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR AFRICAN LABOR ORGANIZATION (SEE PARA 5 REFTTEL) WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE VIRTUALLY WORD-FOR-WORD COPY OF ARAB LEAGUE TRADE UNION CONSTITUTION. DRAFT CONSTITUTION WAS REJECTED BUT REMAINS ON AGENDA FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

3. SINCE UPCOMING OATUU AND 15TH AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN TRIPOLI, OUR ILO SOURCE EXPECTS LIBYANS TO CONTINUE ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE AFRICAN LABOR MOVEMENTS.

4. DEPT. PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO AALC NEW YORK.
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